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**Woman Faces Fraud and Theft Charges After
Cashing Stolen Money Orders**

St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands – On May 5, 2022, the Economic Crime Unit in conjunction with the U.S. Postal Inspection Service initiated an investigation into a report of Obtaining Money by False Pretenses. The complainant on behalf of Royal American Management, reported that a former employee stole money orders belonging to residents of the Amalie Terrace Apartment Complex. Investigation into the complaint revealed that Ms. Jalessa Carr intentionally cashed and deposited more than fifteen thousand dollars of money orders into her personal bank accounts.

On October 9, 2023, 34-year-old Jalessa Carr was arrested and charged with the crimes, Obtaining Money by False Pretenses (26 counts), Grand Larceny, Embezzlement by Fiduciary and Embezzlement by Employee pursuant to an arrest warrant issued on October 6, 2023, by the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands.

Based on the incident, Ms. Carr’s bail was set in the amount of \$20,000.00. She was transported to the Richard N. Callwood Command where she was processed and remanded to the Bureau of Corrections pending Advise of Rights hearing scheduled for Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at the Superior Court.

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